

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF WASTE PROTECTION
DIVISION OF PLANNING AND EVALUATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), under its authority pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 21I, section 3 (F), and in conformance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, will hold a public hearing on amendments to 310 CMR 50.00, the Toxics Use Reduction Program.

Established by M.G.L. Chapter 21I, the program requires certain Massachusetts companies that use listed toxic chemicals above specific reporting thresholds to explore ways to decrease toxic chemical use and waste, implement them if practical, and measure and report their results on an annual basis. They must also evaluate their efforts and update their toxics use reduction plans every other year.

The proposed regulations contain provisions to streamline certain aspects of chemical reporting and toxics use reduction planning, as well as to adjust continuing education requirements for Toxics Use Reduction Planners. They also make TURA rules consistent with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know rules governing reporting of persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals, and make other miscellaneous changes.

A public hearing will be conducted to receive public comment, both oral and written, on the regulations at the time and place set forth below.

June 16, 2004 (1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Boston

Department of Environmental Protection
One Winter Street, 2nd Floor
The Atlantic Conference Room
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Testimony may be presented orally and/or in writing at the public hearing. Written testimony will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2004, and may be submitted to: Cynthia Chaves, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Prevention, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Written testimony may also be sent via e-mail to: cynthia.chaves@state.ma.us.

Copies of the regulations and background document are available on DEP's website at www.mass.gov/dep/bwp/dhm/tura/policies.htm. To obtain a hard copy, please call Cynthia Chaves at (617) 292-5848.

By order of the Department
Robert W. Golledge, Jr., Commissioner